



TOWN OF HOPKINTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA
TOWN HALL, 18 MAIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR
Monday, August 13, 2012

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:05 PM

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Residents are invited to share ideas, opinions or ask questions regarding town government.

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3. ESSAY CONTEST PERMISSION (ACTION)

The Board will consider giving the [Massachusetts Municipal Association \(MMA\)](#) [permission to invite Hopkinton's schools](#) to participate in their annual "If I were an elected leader in my community, I would make a difference by..." essay contest.

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4. SEWER BETTERMENT ABATEMENT REQUESTS (ACTION)

i. *EMC Abatement [Applications](#)*

Group 1: Bettered for Fruit Street Only

The Board will review EMC's request for sewer abatements on the following parcels:

- 42 South Street, Parcel R23-58-C
 - Total amount of betterment: \$309,226.45
 - 52 South Street, Parcel R23-65-0
 - Total amount of betterment: \$697,351.86
- Grand Total: \$1,006,578.31**

EMC is arguing that the betterments assessed are improper because they are being assessed for a system (the Fruit Street WWTF) that is more expensive than a less expensive alternative (the Milford Interconnection).

ii. *EMC Abatement [Applications](#)*

Group 2: Bettered for Fruit Street and Milford Connection

The Board will review EMC's request for sewer abatements on the following parcels:

- 70 South Street, Parcel L37-95-0
 - Fruit St WWTF betterment: \$12,695.80
 - Milford Interconnection betterment: \$2,974.33
- 80 South Street, Parcel R29-4-0
 - Fruit St WWTF betterment: \$235,924.46
 - Milford Interconnection betterment: \$52,359.68
- 0 South Street, Parcel R29-23-0
 - Fruit St WWTF betterment: \$60,383.31
 - Milford Interconnection betterment: \$13,714.29
- 117 South Street, Parcel R29-9-B
 - Fruit St WWTF betterment: \$89,822.95
 - Milford Interconnection betterment: \$20,341.06
- 171 South Street, Parcel R29-1-0
 - Fruit St WWTF betterment: \$706,003.61
 - Milford Interconnection betterment: \$157,459.86
- 28 Hayward Street, Parcel L37-94-0
 - Fruit St WWTF betterment: \$10,668.05
 - Milford Interconnection betterment: \$2,510.37
- 30 Hayward Street, Parcel L37-93-0
 - Fruit St WWTF betterment: \$22,223.24
 - Milford Interconnection betterment: \$5,055.02
- 34 Hayward Street, Parcel L37-86-0
 - Fruit St WWTF betterment: \$11,478.78
 - Milford Interconnection betterment: \$2,683.46
- 36 Hayward Street, Parcel L37-85-0
 - Fruit St WWTF betterment: \$10,625.18
 - Milford Interconnection betterment: \$2,423.65
- 66 South Street, Parcel L37-97-0
 - Fruit St WWTF betterment: \$16,061.71
 - Milford Interconnection betterment: \$3,739.50
- 68 South Street, Parcel L37-96-0
 - Fruit St WWTF betterment: \$19,671.78
 - Milford Interconnection betterment: \$4,587.83

Total Fruit Street Betterments:	\$1,195,558.87
Total Milford Interconnection Betterments:	\$267,849.05
Grand Total:	\$1,463,407.92

EMC is alleging that assessing betterments for both systems improperly “double-counts” the properties in Group 2 as full users of both systems despite the fact that no wastewater from a particular property can flow to both systems at the same time; and that this effectively imposes on the properties an assessment for excess capacity they cannot utilize, and that this is a cost out of proportion with the benefit enjoyed.

iii. *EMC Abatement [Applications](#)*
Group 3: Served By Private WWTF

The Board will review EMC's request for sewer abatements on the following parcels:

- 176 South Street, Parcel R33-32-0*
 - Total amount of Fruit Street betterment: \$1,751,373.28
 - Total amount of Milford betterment: \$378,825.13
- 228 South Street, Parcel R33-29-0
 - Total amount of Fruit Street betterment: \$831,876.59
 - Total amount of Milford betterment: \$178,360.28

Total Fruit Street betterments: \$2,583,249.87

Total Milford betterments: \$557,194.41

Grand Total \$3,140,435.29

EMC is arguing that these properties cannot be subject to an assessment for the Milford Interconnection or the Fruit Street WWTF because they were not permitted to tie into the system such that they could utilize the Milford Interconnection, leading them to construct their own private wastewater treatment capacity; that the restrictions on the amount of flows that can be sent to Milford effectively prevent the Town from ever accepting flows from these properties, and these properties were improperly added to the service area once it was clear that the cost of the Fruit Street WWTF would be higher than projected, in order defray those additional costs rather than provide any benefit to the properties.

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